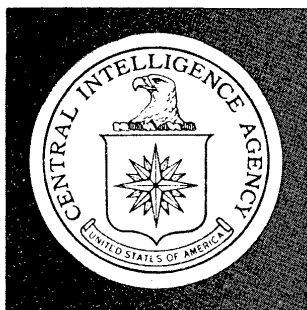




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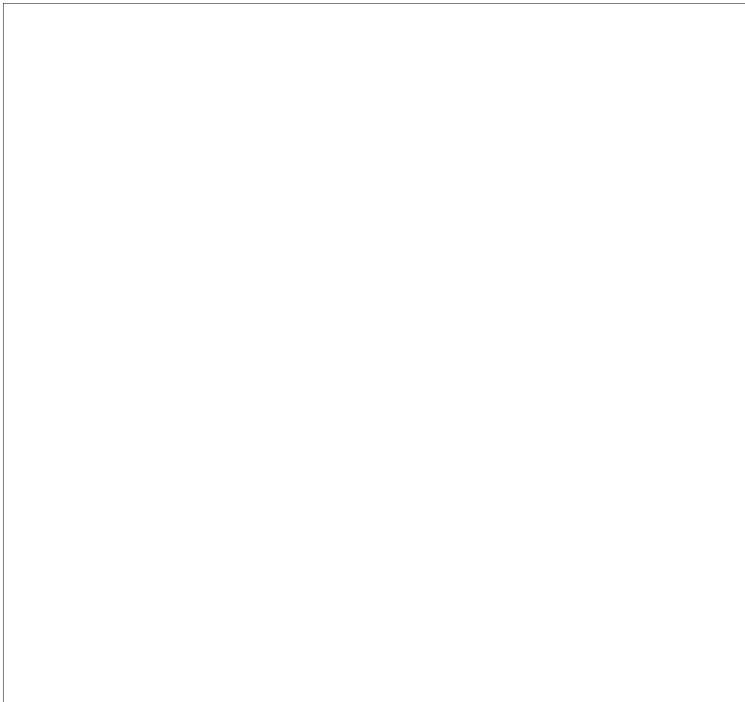
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31 MARCH 1969

I. MAJOR PROBLEMS

SOVIET AFFAIRS

Defense Minister Grechko and several members of the Soviet General Staff flew to Czechoslovakia yesterday. We have no indication whether this quick trip is connected with the weekend demonstrations in Prague or with the military exercises currently going on in Eastern Europe.

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VIETNAM

The military situation in Vietnam is generally quiet,

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MIDDLE EAST

There is nothing significant to report.

EUROPE

There is nothing significant to report.

II. OTHER IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS

CANADA

The press in Ottawa says Prime Minister Trudeau will announce the results of Canada's review of its NATO policy in Parliament tomorrow.

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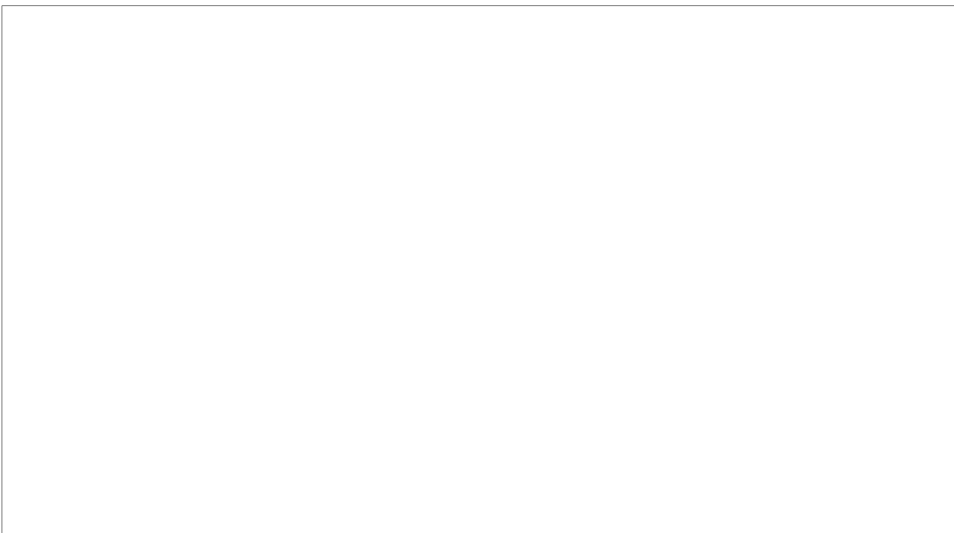
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I. MAJOR PROBLEMS

SOVIET AFFAIRS

Warsaw Pact units are currently conducting several exercises in Europe. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] This marks the first Warsaw Pact exercise with Czech participation since the Soviet intervention last August.

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Finally, a large Soviet naval force is continuing exercises in the North Atlantic some 600 miles west of Ireland. After two days of activity, most of the ships were resupplying today. They can soon be expected to regroup for surface tactical or antisubmarine operations.

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Marcos had the following things in mind when he decided to come to Washington for the Eisenhower funeral:

--Primarily, he simply wanted to pay homage to President Eisenhower, for whom he had deep respect.

--He also thought the trip would do him no harm as a politician running for re-election in the Philippines.

--He believed a brief meeting with President Nixon would help Philippine-US relations.

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PAKISTAN

The military regime has so far succeeded in combining discreet firmness toward potential opponents with conciliatory gestures on some important issues. The government has promised a new drive against bureaucratic corruption, and private employers are being ordered to honor all pay increases granted in recent months. In East Pakistan the authorities have experienced the first signs of open discontent--minor ones so far--and have moved effectively to keep them in bounds.

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